

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Applicant respectfully requests that the following paragraphs be added to the specification in the “DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION” section, on page 6, just prior to the last paragraph on page 6, which begins with “FIG. 5 is a more expensive embodiment for boats with V or U shaped hulls....”. These paragraphs are copies of the first paragraph on page 5 and of the fifth paragraph on page 4 in the “BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS” section. These paragraphs do not add new matter:

FIG. 7 shows a plate which has no motor powered adjustable arms. The plate is moved from the inactive/up position to the active/down position by manually changing the attachment points of arm “A3” and/or adjusting the length of arm A3.

FIG. 4 is the same configuration as FIG. 2A except that the plate has side and back walls to hold the water that is scooped up by the plate.

Applicant respectfully requests that the following paragraphs be added to the end of the specification in the “DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION” section, prior to the “CLAIMS” section. These paragraphs are the claims as originally filed but formed into paragraphs. These paragraphs do not add new matter:

Embodiments may include:

A wake control mechanism for watercraft wherein the one or more wake control plates are attached to the stern of the watercraft by one or more length adjustable rods such that the plate's front edge can be positioned below the transom; are inclined to a set or controllable angle so as to scoop water upward, or are alternately set in the traditional trim tab position; are of any size; and are either flat or curved upward.

The wake control mechanism for watercraft as described above wherein the said one or more length adjustable rods connect to any location on or near the stern of the watercraft and any location on the said one or more wake control plates except in a straight line, so as to hold the said one or more wake control plates in the desired position.

The wake control mechanism for watercraft as described above wherein the said one or more length adjustable rods are adjusted hydraulically or through another power assistance.

The wake control mechanism for watercraft as described above wherein the said one or more length adjustable rods are adjusted manually.

The wake control mechanism for watercraft as described above wherein the said one or more wake control plates are curved to conform to the bottom of the said watercraft.

The wake control mechanism for watercraft as described above wherein the said one or more wake control plates are equipped with sides, or sides and a back side, enabling it to hold scooped up water.

The wake control mechanism for watercraft as described above wherein the said one or more wake control plates is incorporated with a bait tank, swim platform, ladder, motor mount or other function.

Embodiments may further include:

A wake control mechanism for watercraft wherein the one or more wake control plates are attached to the stern of the watercraft through one or more length adjustable rods and one or more connections with fixed lengths; are of any shape and size; can be positioned in the water by the said one or more length adjustable rods; can be submersed under the stern of the watercraft; and can be controlled independently or dependently from the other one or more wake control plates.

The wake control mechanism for watercraft as described above wherein the said one or more length adjustable rods connect to non-rigid joints on both the wake control plate and the stern of the watercraft, where a said non-rigid joint is a connection that allows the said length adjustable

rods approximately 180 degrees of angular displacement in one plane and approximately 30 degrees of angular displacement in the direction perpendicular to that plane.

The wake control mechanism for watercraft as described above wherein the said one or more connections with fixed lengths attach to non-rigid joints on the wake control plate and rotating joints on the stern of the watercraft, where a said non-rigid joint is a connection that allows the said rods with fixed lengths approximately 180 degrees of angular displacement in one plane and approximately 30 degrees of angular displacement in the direction perpendicular to that plane and a said rotating joint is a connection which lets the said rods with fixed lengths rotate approximately 180 degrees about the connection.

The wake control mechanism for watercraft as described in above wherein the said one or more length adjustable rods and the said rods with fixed lengths connect to any location on the stern of the watercraft and said one or more wake control plates, such that the said one or more wake control plates are held in the desired position.

The wake control mechanism for watercraft as described above wherein the said one or more length adjustable rods are adjusted hydraulically or through another power assistance.

The wake control mechanism for watercraft as described above wherein the said one or more length adjustable rods are adjusted manually.

The wake control mechanism for watercraft as described above wherein the said one or more wake control plates are curved to conform to the bottom of the said watercraft.

The wake control mechanism for watercraft as described above wherein the said one or more wake control plates are equipped with side wells, or side and back walls enabling it to hold water.

The wake control mechanism for watercraft as described above wherein the said one or more wake control plates is incorporated with a bait tank, swim platform, ladder, motor mount or other function.